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## **java.lang.annotation**

Enum ElementType

[java.lang.Object](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html)  
 [java.lang.Enum](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html)<[ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html)>  
 **java.lang.annotation.ElementType**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html), [Comparable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Comparable.html)<[ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html)>

public enum **ElementType**extends [Enum](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html)<[ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html)>

A program element type. The constants of this enumerated type provide a simple classification of the declared elements in a Java program.

These constants are used with the [Target](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Target.html) meta-annotation type to specify where it is legal to use an annotation type.

**Since:** 1.5

| **Enum Constant Summary** | |
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| [**ANNOTATION\_TYPE**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#ANNOTATION_TYPE)            Annotation type declaration |
| [**CONSTRUCTOR**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#CONSTRUCTOR)            Constructor declaration |
| [**FIELD**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#FIELD)            Field declaration (includes enum constants) |
| [**LOCAL\_VARIABLE**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#LOCAL_VARIABLE)            Local variable declaration |
| [**METHOD**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#METHOD)            Method declaration |
| [**PACKAGE**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#PACKAGE)            Package declaration |
| [**PARAMETER**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#PARAMETER)            Parameter declaration |
| [**TYPE**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#TYPE)            Class, interface (including annotation type), or enum declaration |

| **Method Summary** | |
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| static [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) | [**valueOf**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#valueOf(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) name)            Returns the enum constant of this type with the specified name. |
| static [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html)[] | [**values**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#values())()            Returns an array containing the constants of this enum type, in the order they are declared. |

| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Enum**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html) |
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| [clone](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#clone()), [compareTo](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#compareTo(E)), [equals](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#equals(java.lang.Object)), [finalize](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#finalize()), [getDeclaringClass](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#getDeclaringClass()), [hashCode](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#hashCode()), [name](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#name()), [ordinal](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#ordinal()), [toString](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#toString()), [valueOf](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Enum.html#valueOf(java.lang.Class,%20java.lang.String)) |

| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Object**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html) |
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| [getClass](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#getClass()), [notify](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notify()), [notifyAll](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notifyAll()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long)), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long,%20int)) |

| **Enum Constant Detail** |
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### TYPE

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **TYPE**

Class, interface (including annotation type), or enum declaration

### FIELD

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **FIELD**

Field declaration (includes enum constants)

### METHOD

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **METHOD**

Method declaration

### PARAMETER

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **PARAMETER**

Parameter declaration

### CONSTRUCTOR

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **CONSTRUCTOR**

Constructor declaration

### LOCAL\_VARIABLE

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **LOCAL\_VARIABLE**

Local variable declaration

### ANNOTATION\_TYPE

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **ANNOTATION\_TYPE**

Annotation type declaration

### PACKAGE

public static final [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **PACKAGE**

Package declaration

| **Method Detail** |
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### values

public static [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html)[] **values**()

Returns an array containing the constants of this enum type, in the order they are declared. This method may be used to iterate over the constants as follows:

for (ElementType c : ElementType.values())  
  System.out.println(c);

**Returns:**an array containing the constants of this enum type, in the order they are declared

### valueOf

public static [ElementType](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html) **valueOf**([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) name)

Returns the enum constant of this type with the specified name. The string must match *exactly* an identifier used to declare an enum constant in this type. (Extraneous whitespace characters are not permitted.)

**Parameters:**name - the name of the enum constant to be returned. **Returns:**the enum constant with the specified name **Throws:** [IllegalArgumentException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html) - if this enum type has no constant with the specified name [NullPointerException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/NullPointerException.html) - if the argument is null

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